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After 40 years in Alabama Politics

## Senator Jimmy Holley says he will not seek re-election

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher



Alabama Senator Jimmy Holley said Monday morning, June 28, that he would not be seeking reelection after 40 years of public office.

Holley said he had thoroughly enjoyed serving in the Alabama legislature (first in the House of Representatives and then in the Senate). He said he had met and worked with some great people during those years and looking back the long-time lawmaker acknowledged some remarkable accomplishments for the district and the State of Alabama.

He is currently serving his sixth term

## Coffee County BOE votes to offer superintendent job to Kelly Cobb

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met in a called meeting Tuesday evening, June 29, and voted to offer the job of superintendent to schools to longtime system employee Kelly Cobb.

Cobb currently serves the system as its Federal Programs/Curriculum/Accountability Coordinator.

Board chairman Brian McLeod thanked the board members for their work during the process.

"I thought we had four quality candidates," McLeod said.

## Elba City Council votes to offer incentives for new, permanent home construction over next 12 months

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, June 28, City Clerk Sally Bane said the city had received its first of two payments from the American Rescue Plan [government stimulus package] providing emergency funding to state, local, territorial and Tribal governments.

Bane said the city would in total receive a little over \$900,000 from the American Rescue Plan. She said the first installment arrived last week in the amount of \$450,000. The next installment is expected a year from last week.

"I am going to a conference at the end of the week, and a whole day [at that conference] will be dedicated to how to spend this money," Bane said.

There are very strict guidelines on how to spend the funds, and Bane said that has many governmental entities concerned because if the funds are not spent properly the governmental entity must pay the monies back. She said at the conference, legal advisors would be there to help governmental officials better understand proper ways of spending these dollars.

"I truly believe we are in a great spot and will have no problem spending ours properly," Bane said.

The city clerk said she expected to have a better understanding of the restrictions after the conference and would report back to the council on that. However, she said she does know that the monies can be spent on infrastructure, and that should be no problem for the city if needed to apply the funds that way.

Mayor Tom Maddox said he had been approached by

ful employment contract negotiations and approval of said contract by the board at the end of negotiations." The motion received a second from board member Galen McWaters, and all board members voted in favor.

Next, the board approved a motion made by board member Mike Bailey to have a committee of three board members sit down with Cobb for negotiations of her contract. The motion was seconded by board member Eric Payne. The three board members that will sit on the committee are McLeod, Eddins, and Bailey.

Massey then made a motion, "that the board employ Kelly Cobb to serve as the superintendent of education for Coffee County Schools subject to success-

ful

negotiations."

Each entity would receive \$400,000-plus

from Luening's estate. Last Saturday, June 26, the city held a reception at the Elba Public Library to honor Luening's legacy and say

thank you" to her family for the generous gifts.

Catherine Brunson Luening was born in Samson, Ala., but raised in Elba, Ala. She was the oldest of four daughters to John Franklin Brunson Jr. and Leola Johnson Brunson.

Luening was first home-schooled by her mother during the days of the Great Depression. At an early age, she was introduced to music

lessons when her parents traded their cow's milk for music instruction.

With her heart set on a

music career, Luening followed her younger sister, Eugenia, to New York in 1944. She eventually enrolled at the Juilliard School for a summer and later at the Graduate School of Music at Columbia University, earning a Master's degree in music.

While at Columbia,

Catherine met the man she would marry, renowned composer Otto Luening. The two were married in

1959.

In 1963, she began her

career as a music teacher at the Spence School in Manhattan, where she founded the instrumental music department and taught piano.

Even after her husband's

death in 1996, Luening continued to tirelessly promote her husband's music and attend concerts. She

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Johnathan Lockett, Elba council member for District One, thanked the city and his fellow council members for the support of the Juneteenth Celebration held Saturday, June 19, in Elba. He said there had been plans for several outdoor activities for most of that afternoon, but the rain prevented the outdoor activities. Now, he said the event organizers would like on Saturday, July 17, to host the outdoor activities. He said, "this basically would remind you of a community family reunion kind of thing." He also said some of the food trucks that were on site for the June 19th activities plan to be back on July 17th. Lockett invited all to attend.



an individual wanting to construct four new homes in Elba, but that person had asked for some incentive help from the city. Taking that request into consideration, the mayor proposed Monday night that the city consider waiving building permit fees and sewer tap fees for a 12-month time-frame on any new permanent residential construction

within the city limits, excluding mobile homes.

After a lengthy discussion

of the matter, the council

voted to offer the waivers

for a 12-month timeframe

of building permit fees and

sewer fees on new permanent residential construction

was fully vaccinated.

As of Monday morning,

he said Alabama sat with

only 49 out of 50 states in

getting people vaccinated.

If this was football, we'd

be really worried about it

because we are losing to

Florida, Georgia, and LSU

right now."

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## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IS OPEN!** Anyone age 60 and over is invited to come join the center for food, fun, and more. Call (334) 897-3019 to sign up.

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Crews from the electric, sewer, water, and street departments will be on call in case any customers experience utility emergencies. To report any utility emergency during this time, call the Elba Police Department at (334)-897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule on this date.

**MUSIC LEGEND AND COFFEE COUNTY NATIVE PAUL HORNSBY** will host a book signing Wednesday, July 7, 10 a.m., at the Elba Public Library [see Page 5 for more information].



**BED AND BREAKFAST OPENS IN DOWNTOWN ELBA...** The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, June 25, during the grand opening of Ella Kaye's bed and breakfast. The new accommodations business is located on Claxton Avenue in Elba [next to Lake Realty] and is owned and operated by Kaye Ellis. There are two multi-bedroom apartments divided inside this home and can be rented on daily, weekly, or monthly stays. Joining Ellis for the ribbon cutting were Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and other city leaders, Elba Queens, Elba Chamber officials, local business representatives, along with friends and family of Ellis.

## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Today, July 1st, marks our 50th anniversary as owners of The Elba Clipper, and it was also a Thursday. After seven or eight years of being an employee of the newspaper, it 'only' took a couple of signatures and years of long hours at work for the newspaper to become our responsibility. It also became the sole source of income for Heddy and me to house, feed and educate our three children. It has been a great run, full of ups and downs, mistakes, floods, tornados, hurricanes and other disasters, not the least being the recent death of wife Heddy. However, most of those pale against the *jillions* of memorable events that continue to build onto our enjoyable passion of newspapering in Elba, Alabama. We have been associated with some of the finest people in the world. The occasional jackass that life casts upon each of us was, and is, always considered a challenge . . . an opportunity to convert them into friends and supporters. The news media seems to be magnets for these flustered individuals but surprisingly in many cases our efforts were successful and lifelong friendships were formed! And as Freud said, "Perhaps, with luck, I will make it, more or less intact, for another few years and be granted the liberty to continue to love and work, the two most important things."

Lots of folks will be vacationing during the 4th of July time period. HGTV recently featured an interesting collection of "Best Small Towns to Visit" on their website, singling out one community in each state. Flipping through the pictures and reading the short promos of each of the 50, it dawned on us that this would be a great adventure plan for anyone who likes to travel . . . visit them ALL. Of course, visiting, and exploring all fifty sites would have to be over a period of years, but how old will you be in those few years if you don't venture out? We found dozens of intriguing things that visitors would really enjoy seeing and/or participating in the ongoing activities. Oh, the Alabama community selected was Fairhope, on Mobile Bay in Baldwin County. We can testify to those who have never visited Fairhope that this former 'small town' would be a great place to start someone's fifty state visits. As with most of the '50', park your car and enjoy all the nooks and corners of the beautiful communities.

Our publicized comments several weeks ago about getting COVID-19 shots clearly upset one person on social media, somewhere out there in cyberspace. After several exchanges of e-mails, we suggested that clearly neither of us would change the other so we should just agree to disagree and move on. That calmed things down a bit but didn't end the negative e-mail 'quotes' he, on a regular basis, continued sending from previously unheard of distractors that he considered experts . . . many who were self-proclaimed experts with wild ideas that had already been debunked by those we consider well informed in the medical field. It finally became necessary to block his e-mail address from our computer, something we have never before done to any person who disagreed with our writings. Right now, there is still a nagging guilt feeling about that action, but not enough guilt to unblock him.

Senator Jimmy Holley said Monday morning that he is hanging up his spurs . . . after 40 years in state government, the acknowledged master of legislative procedures is not running for another term. As our chat moved on to more unofficial comments, he added that wife Mary is on board with this decision. If the truth were really known we would suggest that Mary has long been concerned about his health and is thrilled at the ultimate decision to officially retire and probably strongly encouraged it. But, ever the loyal wife, if he had decided to continue in the Senate, she would have continued making the weekly drives with him to Montgomery as she has done for some time.

Oh, the names of 'wantabe' replacements for Senator Holley are already hitting our e-mail and message accounts. However we will let each of them decide if and when they are going to make their Senate seat dreams and plans public information.

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### Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou wore herself out last Saturday doing what started out as "a little pressure washing" but turned in to a day-long job!

After taking Sister out for their weekly Saturday morning breakfast, Lou Lou decided to do a little cleaning around the outside of the house. She had noticed the front porch area needed some pressure washing done, so, she got the equipment out and went to work.

Soon it looked much, much better. That led Lou Lou to venture on past the front porch, and before she realized it, she was in a full-on pressure wash of the entire house! How did that happen???

The biggest surprise of the day came, however, when Sister came out and joined in on the pressure washing fun. Lou Lou could not believe her eyes!

Sister was working... actual hard labor work! That may have been a first in history!!

Of course, Sister deemed it was time for a break pretty quickly, but she actually returned another time or two throughout the afternoon to help by giving Lou Lou a little break.

Lou Lou did get in a bit of trouble with Sister during the process...you had to know that was going to happen.

Lou Lou was so amazed by that Sister was working on a Saturday [she normally would have

Happy Birthday AMERICA

been inside taking a nice, relaxing nap] that she made a photo or two of Sister using the pressure washer gun. Then, she took it a step further by posting said photo on the social media!

Yeah...next break time, Sister insisted the 'work post' be removed from social media. She did not like said photo, even though Lou Lou tried to explain it was like an unbelievable phenomenon that people needed to see to believe. That really did not go over well!

When Sister assured Lou Lou that payback would come when she least expected it "if that post was not taken down", well...let's just say, Lou Lou took Sister at her word and removed the post pretty quickly!

Lou Lou did make up for it all by supertime when she prepared a nice meal thanking Sister for her help with the pressure washing work. However, Lou Lou does not think Sister will be offering to help with that kind of work anytime soon again...she said she found muscles she did not realize she had from it!

Oh yeah! Sister also thought it was 'yucky' when dirt splattered back on her during the process.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! From the Yonder gang... Have a Happy Fourth of July as we celebrate our Independence!!

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 22, 2021, and Monday, June 28, 2021, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, June 22** - Debris in roadway reported on Martin Luther King Dr (6:39 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 891 Cedar Lane Dr (7:13 a.m.); Burglary reported at 238 Larkin Rd (7:39 a.m.); Animal complaint reported in area of Old Samson Rd and Brunson St (9:31 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1235 Farris Ave (10:24 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 84 (1:18 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (4:10 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1584 Caroline St (9:31 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Teresa St (9:38 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two written warnings, one verbal warning, and one arrest.

**Saturday, June 26** - Reckless driver reported at Hwy 87 and Hwy 84 - verbal warning given to driver (3:04 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 14540 Hwy 84 (6:24 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (7:12 a.m.); Debris in roadway reported on Hwy 84 (11:55 a.m.); Tree down reported at 1235 Claxton Ave N (5:16 p.m.); Burglary reported at 214 Factory Ave - an arrest was made (7:33 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynolds Ave - an arrest was made (10:56 p.m.).

**Wednesday, June 23** - Animal complaint reported at 1142 Martin Luther King Dr (8:21 a.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 328 Brunson Circle (8:36 a.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Thursday, June 24** - Gas drive-off reported at 221 E Davis St (4:39 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Neil Grantham Dr - animal impound (5:44 p.m.); Harassment reported on Reynolds Ave (8:46 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (10:30 p.m.). There were 11 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in eight citations, one written warning, and two verbal warnings.

**Friday, June 25** - Prowler reported at 315 Sawyer St (3:29 a.m.); Livestock in roadway reported at 1967 Hwy 84 (4:48 a.m.); Burglary reported at 388 County Rd 263 - an arrest was made (9:46 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 839 Troy Hwy - animal impound (10:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1400 Jones St (10:45 a.m.); Traffic accident reported 638 Claxton Ave N (11:27 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 507 - verbal warning given to driver (2:09 p.m.); Found property reported on Old Samson Rd (3:47 p.m.); Fight reported at

**Sunday, June 27** - Suspicious circumstances reported at 416 Collier St (2:32 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (2:34 a.m.); Rolling domestic reported on Hwy 84 (8:42 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 522 Claxton Ave N (10:49 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 522 Claxton Ave N (11:04 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 4301 Hwy 125 (11:43 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (12:47 p.m.); Tree reported down at 585 Davis St E (2:05 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (4:35 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date and was unfounded.

**Monday, June 28** - Livestock in the roadway reported at 13375 Hwy 84 (6:03 a.m.); Theft by deception reported at 1121 Farris Ave (9:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 319 Old Samson Rd - animal impound (10:48 a.m.); Assault reported at 837 Troy Hwy (2:27 p.m.); ATV complaint reported at 690 Lee St (7:22 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 1245 Jones Circle (8:10 p.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (9:48 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three written warnings, two citations, one report, and one verbal warning.

# LET FREEDOM RING 2021

## SATURDAY, JULY 3

### COURT SQUARE ELBA

### 6:30 P.M.

**FIREWORKS (AFTER DARK)**

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## CHURCH NEWS

### PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Elba United Methodist Church  
503 Davis Street, Elba, AL

#### Malachi 3:1-5

*3 Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me; suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming, says the Lord of heavenly forces.*

*2 Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can withstand his appearance? He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap.*

*3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. They will belong to the Lord, presenting a righteous offering.*

*4 The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in ancient days and in former years.*

*5 I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against the sorcerers, the adulterers, those swearing falsely, against those who cheat the day laborers out of their wages as well as oppress the widow and the orphan, and against those who brush aside the foreigner and do not revere me, says the Lord of heavenly forces.*

As I sit and write the article for today, it is the feast day in the life of the church as it is the birth of John the Baptist. It is easy to remember because it is six months prior to the birth of Jesus.

John the Baptist is a peculiar prophet, one who dressed, ate, and spoke strangely. It is always baffling to me that people flocked to hear what he had to say and be plunged in the waters of the Jordan River for a baptism of repentance. Yet, the primary ministry of John lies in this selected text from the prophet Malachi that is to be read on the feast day of John the Baptist's birth.

It speaks of John as the messenger who clears a path before the God who is surely coming. In this scripture there are those who rejoice and make a pleasing offer to God, but there is also judgment upon a myriad of actions; it is interesting to see which actions garner divine judgement.

Nevertheless, the coming Day of the Lord is something we anticipate, for on that day heaven and earth will merge, the Kingdom of God will be fully present, and neither will there be death nor any tears shed. John pointed to the coming of God in Jesus Christ to announce the breaking of the Kingdom into this reality, and we get to pick up that mantle of the prophet and point to the Day of the Lord.

I wonder if I live my life in such a way that points to God like John the Baptist did. I wonder if I am clearing a path and making the way ready. I wonder if all who claim Christ as Lord and King lived as subjects of the Kingdom of God and citizens of heaven.

Happy Birthday John the Baptist, you have given us big shoes or sandals to fill!

\*\* The Pastor's Corner feature will be written this month by Rev. Steve Reneau, pastor of Elba United Methodist Church.



IN HIM WAS  
LIFE AND  
THE LIFE  
WAS THE  
LIGHT OF  
MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE  
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Harry Driggers, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS  
CHURCH  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Evening... 5:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
H.L. Parker, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

GOD POWER HOUSE  
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH  
Oversers - Billy Berry  
Sunday Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
John Curtis Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TABERNACLE  
John C. Parker, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
C.E. Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

HAM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

ELBA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Ramonita Smith, Pastor  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE  
CHURCH  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Lowell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

HEBREW BAPT. CHURCH  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT.  
CHURCH  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
J.R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sun. Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD CHURCH  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY  
CHURCH  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Cary Maulden, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Worship... 12 noon  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Donnie Marler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Mike Medley, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

To Update Your Church Listing, please call us at (334) 897-2823!

Trinity Baptist Church returns to 10 a.m. Sunday worship beginning July 11th

Trinity Baptist Church, Sunday, July 11, 2021, located at 23830 Hwy. 189 N, Elba, will return to 10 a.m. each Sunday morning. Pastor is C.P. Davis.

**Chestnut Grove Methodist Church plans Sunday, July 11, Homecoming**

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will hold its annual Homecoming Service on Sunday, July 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

All are invited to attend. No meal will be served.

**First Baptist Church Elba planning "The Greatest Gift" VBS circus event**

First Baptist Church Elba is planning a "circus" in July.

The event, "The Greatest Gift", for children, ages 3 years to 6th grade, will be held on two days - July 16th and 17th.

On Friday, July 16, there will be a family night pizza party from 5-7 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, July 17, Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for the children with breakfast and lunch provided.

There will also be a backpack giveaway. To ensure having enough backpacks for every child to have one, pre-registration is encouraged by calling 334 897-2246 or e-mail <kedmondson@troycable.net>

**Coffee County Baptist Association announces upcoming VBS programs**

The Coffee County Baptist Association shares a list of Vacation Bible School opportunities for its member churches, including:

- Lee Street Baptist Church – July 12-18 [6-8 p.m.]
- Newbia Baptist Church – July 15-17 [July 15-16 will be 6-8:30 p.m.; July 17 will be 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.]
- Victoria Baptist Church – July 17 [9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.]
- Church on Boll Weevil Circle – July 25-28 [5:30-8 p.m.]

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On May 25, 1961, President

John F. Kennedy spoke to a

joint session of Congress.

He urged Congress to join

with him in accomplishing

an amazing and seemingly

unreachable goal: "I believe

that this nation should com-

mit itself to achieving the

goal, before this decade is

out, of landing a man on

the moon and returning him

safely to the earth."

**Today is a good day! Be grateful,**

Eria's Daughter, Sue

**Scripture: A Prayer of faith in time of distress [Psalm 6: 1-10]**

**Thinking of You! Praying for You.**

NLC Carlisle Church Family, Gladys Wright, DeLoris Frazier Williams, Timothy Andrews, C.J. Arnold, Robert Reynolds, Shelia Magwood, Shirley Coleman, Carman Tate, Family of the late Virginia Holley Gipps, Family of the late Khadijah Renea Lane

**Congress agreed, and work began in earnest. Tragically,**

Kennedy was assassinated less than six years before

astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on

the moon on July 20, 1969.

Neither President Kennedy

nor King David lived to

see their dreams fulfilled.

However, their dreams

inspired others who fol-

lowed them. What dreams

do you have that can chal-

lenge others to greatness in

the cause of Christ and His

Kingdom?" – C.R.B.

#### June/July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Annie J. Caldwell 6/28

Willie and Jeanette Tillis 6/29 W.A.

Jonas Rogers 6/29 (in memory)

Jackie Whitfield 7/1

Michael Martin 7/1

Yoquesha Terry 7/1

Lovell Martin 7/1

Alonzo and Denna Cole 7/1 W.A.

Grady and Brenda Brooks 7/2 W.A.

Terrance I. Kelley 7/2

Larry and Louvella Folmar 7/3 W.A.

**Question / Answer Section for Week of 7/1/21**

True or False

Q: If the people did not

## LIFESTYLES

### Annual Maddox Family reunion held at Elba Elementary School

A multitude of descendants of the Francis General Bartow (FGB) Maddox Family gathered Saturday, June 26, at Elba Elementary School for the annual family reunion (as shown in the photo to the right).

Over 100 family members and friends attended this year's reunion in Elba. Several states were represented by those in attendance. Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and his family were among the attendees of the family reunion.



Pictured L-R: Cathy Odom, Donna Smith, Patsy Stephens, Georgia Fleming

### Local UDC chapter holds annual luncheon

On Saturday, May 8, the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held its 15th Annual Confederate History and Heritage Luncheon in downtown Enterprise at the Farmer's Market meeting room.

The meeting was conducted by Chapter President Patsy Stephens. Pledges and salutes were given to the flags. Cathy Odom led the salute to the Christian flag, Donna Smith led the pledge to the Flag of the United States of America, Pat Richter led the salute to the Alabama flag and Georgia Fleming led the salute to the Confederate flag. The UDC ritual was led by President Stephens and Chaplain Cathy Odom.

Chaplain Odom and Chapter mem-

### Republican Women of Coffee County to meet July 21st

The Republican Women Marshall will be the guest speaker. Social time begins at 11 am, at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Hwy, Alabama Attorney General Steve

Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Contact Jan to RSVP at 334-494-3763 or [rwcreservations@gmail.com](mailto:rwcreservations@gmail.com) no later than July 18.

Marshall will be the guest speaker. Social time begins at 11 am; an optional \$12 lunch buffet opens at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon.

Local members have completed IMPACT orientation and enrolled in classes for the Fall 2021 semester.

Cathy Odom blessed the delicious buffet luncheon provided by chapter members after which those in attendance visited the Enterprise City Cemetery and placed flags on some of the graves of Confederate soldiers buried there. Cathy Odom gave the benediction.

Georgia Fleming gave a program on Shortages and Substitutions on the Homefront during the War Between the States.

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Troy University recognizes local students for completing IMPACT

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Local students who completed IMPACT are: Endia Oates of New Brockton, Ala., and Raegan Bragg of Jack, Ala.

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### Let Freedom Ring set for Saturday, July 3, in Elba

Elba's "Let Freedom Ring" event returns this 4th of July weekend with live entertainment, free watermelon, games, bouncy houses, and of course, fireworks! Due to the 4th of July being on Sunday, Let Freedom Ring this year will be held Saturday evening, July 3, on the square in downtown Elba, Ala.

The festivities will get underway at 6:30 p.m. and conclude with the big fireworks show at approximately 9 p.m.

"We are excited this year to bring Nashville artist Cadie Calhoun to the stage in Elba as our entertainment for Let Freedom Ring," said Sandy [Bynum] Williams, president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Cadie's music should provide something for everyone to enjoy."

Cadie's singing career began when she was just

10-years-old singing in the choir at Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. She credits her musical talents to the strong faith and extensive support from her family.

Cadie has toured with John Stone known for "Momma and Budweiser", "Shame on Me" and "We All Feel the Pain" and Craig Morgan known for "That's What I Love About Sundays", "Redneck Yacht Club" and "International Harvester". After teaming up with Grammy nominated producer engineer Aaron Rodgers, the Cadie Calhoun Band was later formed.

Cadie currently resides in Nashville, Tenn., where she is a member of the Brentwood Baptist Choir. The last few years of her career have been dedicated to writing and producing her latest album.

To learn more about Cadie Calhoun and her music, visit her website at [www.cadiccalhoun.com](http://www.cadiccalhoun.com) or check out her page on Facebook @cadiccalhounmusic. Cadie and her full band are scheduled to perform July 3rd in Elba, according to her tour schedule.

The Elba concert will begin around 7 p.m. and continue until around 8:45 p.m. Immediately following Cadie's performance in Elba the annual fireworks display created by Elba native Mike Holderfield will light up the sky to the sounds of patriotic music.

Throughout the evening, as Cadie Calhoun performs and before the fireworks, there also will be plenty of other activities going on around the downtown square in Elba for all to enjoy, including fun activities for children. Also, the

Elba Splash Pad, located at TigerTown Park, will be open throughout the evening as part of the Let Freedom Ring celebration in Elba.

Williams said the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 would have free watermelon for all to enjoy during the event, and she said the always popular watermelon eating contest would return this year too.

"After only having the fireworks last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are so happy to bring our full Let Freedom Ring event back again this year," Williams said. "It should be a great day and night to be in Elba, Alabama. So, mark those calendars now."

For more information, contact Sandy Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125 or email [elba-chamber@troycable.net](mailto:elba-chamber@troycable.net)

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6/17, 24-71.8 -chg.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE MARLER,

Deceased.

CASE NO PC 2021-032

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been

granted to Rita Tanner as Personal Representative of the Estate of Louise Marler, deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
6/24, 7-1 & 8 chg

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Elba Division

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw

GARY D. BRADSHAW

Attorney for Petitioner

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*For the first time I can remember* our grandson Lawson doesn't seem to be excited about the upcoming school year. I know there are still six weeks before he has to worry about being a fifth-grader, but so far he just shrugs his shoulders and reminds me how much vacation time is left. I guess that means for me to change the subject.

#### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The new high school athletic seasons* may be almost two months away, but that doesn't mean the players are taking it easy, as here in Elba all student-athletes in all sports are working out three days a week on conditioning. The summer workouts aren't mandatory and are held to get the players in condition. However, there are a lot of players working out each week, and you know the coaches are keeping count on just who and who isn't attending practice. You can bet when official workouts roll around in August the players that took some time off will get the chance to make up the workouts!

\*\*\* *Alabama head football coach Nick Saban* is never far from the sports headlines and recently was back on page one when it was announced he had agreed to a contract extension that would keep him the head man at Tuscaloosa through the 2028 season. Saban's salary will remain at \$8.425 million a year for the upcoming season, but will then increase by \$800,000 each year from 2022-2025, keeping him as the sports highest paid coach. In his 14 years at Alabama, the Crimson Tide has posted a record of 165-23 and claimed six national titles, and his phenomenal success has made him the best investment the officials at the university have ever made. Even if Coach Saban doesn't remain as the Tide's head coach until he reaches age 77, the contract extension will quiet any and all talk of pending retirement from opposing coaches.

\*\*\* *As a sports writer* and a high school football play-by-play radio announcer, the news last week that Charles Barkley would retire in two years after a couple of decades as a basketball color analyst certainly caught my attention. Barkley, never one to bite his tongue, said the new 'cancel culture' had taken away the fun from being an announcer, since everything he said would probably make someone upset. The former Auburn and NBA great is infamous for making off-color and politically incorrect comments just about every time he is on the air, and made it clear that in his opinion the new 'woke' culture won't let him have fun anymore. Not that airy people hear me on any given Friday night, or read my column on a weekly basis. However, I will admit I may have to slow down and give a little more thought to what I write and say in the very near future.

\*\*\* *The eraser is still finding its way* to the proposed changes in the College Football Playoffs that would expand the post-season party to 12 teams as officials in the Pac12 have insisted that all conference champs in the 'Power Five' conferences (SEC, ACC, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac 12) receive automatic berths in the playoffs. The folks out west are afraid that the champion in their conference could get left out of the playoff picture, and if history does indeed repeat itself, that would probably be possible. The original cutoff line was set at the top 12 teams in the polls, with conference champs making the field earning a first round berth, but proposed changes will give the six highest ranked conference champs an automatic berth. The change already has conference officials discussing the possibility of doing away with conference championship games, as well as abandoning divisions within the conference, since a late-season upset could knock out a team that was ranked high during the regular season. Okay, so do you still think that expanding the playoffs is an easy choice?

\*\*\* *In closing....* The Alabama High School Athletic Association has been a powerful force in all matters involving high school sports for decades, and it will be interesting to see if all the changes in Montgomery will result in a loss of that power. The organization has long been run by strong willed former coaches that never backed down from a challenge, and with a new director, a new assistant director and a number of other changes it be interesting to see if some our elected state officials try to get more involved. I just have a feeling a battle may be brewing.

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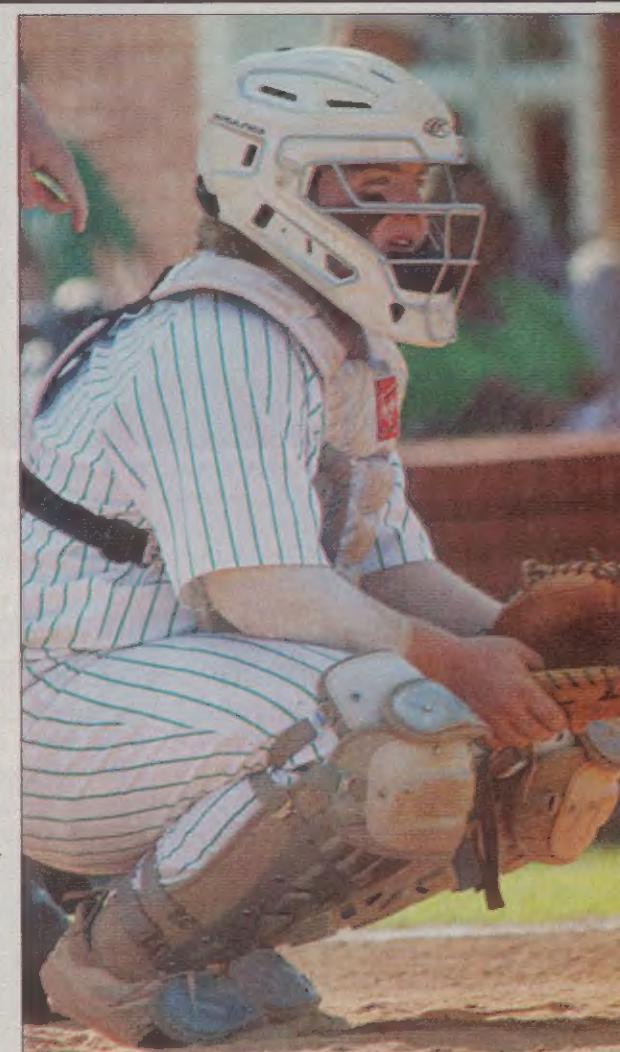
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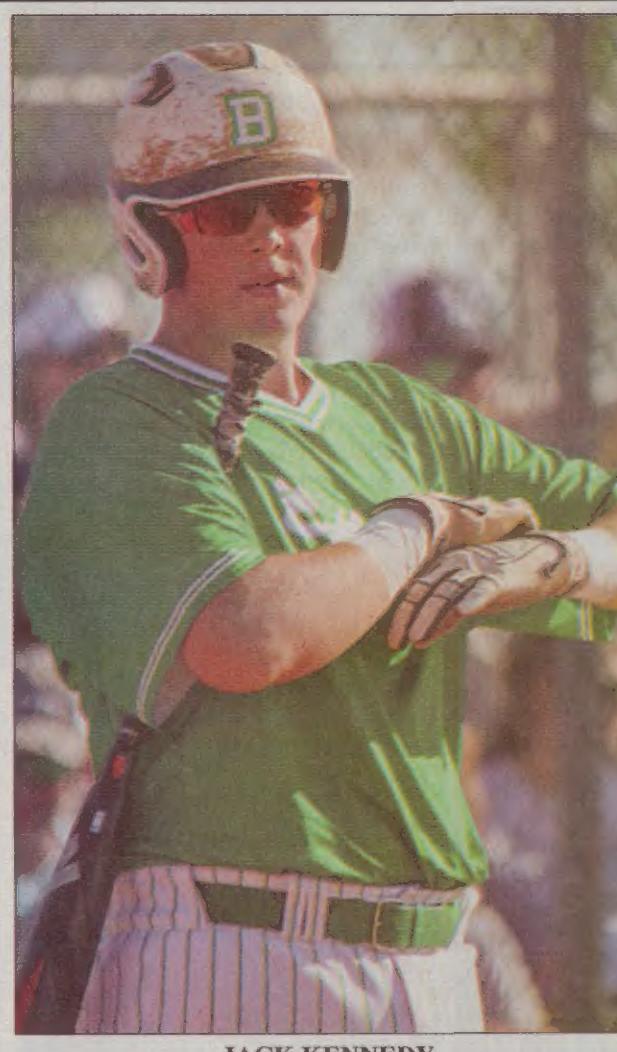
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### Brantley Bulldogs dominate Class 1A 'All-State' high school baseball selections

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2021 'All State' high school baseball selections last weekend and the Brantley Bulldogs once again dominated the Class 1A picks with three first team and two second team selections, including the 1A 'Hitter of the Year' Tucker Kilcrease.

Brantley players named to the All-State list included: (1st team) Mark Nichols, senior, pitcher; Tucker Kilcrease, junior, infielder; Jack Kennedy, senior, designated hitter; (2nd Team) Dalton Daniels, senior, catcher; and, Carson Jones, senior, infielder.

Nichols pitched 68 innings during his senior season, posted a 10-4 record, recorded a 2.47 earned run average, and struck out 60 batters compared to only 8 walks.

Kilcrease batted .533 during his junior campaign and collected 48 hits, including 17 doubles and 5 triples, collected 28 RBI's, scored 52 runs and stole 16 bases.

Kennedy bashed out 46 hits during his senior season, including 13 doubles, 1 triple and 2 home runs, and knocked in 45 runs while compiling a .489 batting average.

Daniels boasted a .424 batting average during his senior season and piled up the extra base hits as he had 12 doubles, 1 triple and 3 home runs, and collected 38 RBI's. Jones collected 36 hits during his senior season, including 12 doubles and 2 triples, scored 30 runs, knocked in 41 runs and boasted a .462 batting average.

Area players included on the 'All-State' list included:

Class 7A – (1st Team) Chase Allsup, senior, Dothan; (2nd Team) Te'Relle George-Mills, senior, Dothan; Parker Sessions, senior, Enterprise.

Class 6A – (2nd Team) Hess Horne, senior, Eufaula; (HM) Ethan Black, senior, Eufaula.

Class 5A – (1st Team) Bryce Cunningham, senior, Headland; Lane Cook, junior, Rehobeth; Joe Watkins, senior, Rehobeth; (2nd Team) Tanner Wells, senior, Rehobeth; Ayden Amis, junior, Andalusia.

Class 3A – (1st Team) Jake Smith, junior, Providence Christian; Abe Chancellor, senior, Providence Christian; (2nd Team) Harrison Mims, sophomore, Providence Christian; Jackson Glover, junior, Wicksburg; Brayden Harvin, senior, Houston Academy; (HM) Brady James, senior, Opp; Ethan Cox, junior, Opp; Tucker Jackson, junior, Houston Academy.

Class 2A – (1st Team) Nash Evans, senior, Arinton; Trevor Morris, junior, G.W. Long; Landen Thrash, junior, Arinton; (2nd Team) Jackson Chancey, junior, G.W. Long; Landen Tyler, sophomore, Arinton; Blayne McDaniel, junior, G.W. Long; Carson Dunlap, senior, G.W. Long.

Class 1A – (2nd Team) Cale Sumblin, sophomore, Kinston; Tucker Livings, senior, Red Level.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### GIFT

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continued to lead the music program at a bit from the time she died until Elba Spence until declining health forced her to retire in 2018 at the age of 96.

When she died earlier this year, the reading of her will revealed that Luening had bestowed the monies of her retirement savings to the Elba Public Library and to Evergreen Cemetery in Elba. At that time, the monies would provide \$400,000 to each.

"This is her legacy," nephew David Sparks said last Saturday during the reception held at the Elba Public Library. "She wanted to give back to her hometown, her community."

The retirement account was started by Luening during the time of World War II. With her retiring only two years prior to her death early this year, that account had grown quite large.

During Monday evening's Elba City Council meeting, councilmember Jane Brunson said the Luening's gift had grown

### RECEPTION



A large crowd gathered last Saturday afternoon at the Elba Public Library for a reception honoring the late Catherine Brunson Luening and donations made from her estate to the Elba Public Library and the Evergreen Cemetery. Luening donated over \$400,000 to each the library and the cemetery. The funds have been placed into investment accounts.

### Coffee County Farmers Federation announces July 19th meeting plans

The annual meeting of the Coffee County Farmers Federation will be held Monday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the community room at the Extension

Office Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

Only one registration per membership for door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

### Upcoming events at Landmark Park

#### Watermelon Tasting

July 10, 10 a.m. Wiregrass Farmstead. Sample a variety of watermelon and pick your favorite. Free with paid gate admission. Sponsored by Wiregrass RC&D and Birdsong Farms. Hosted by the Wiregrass Master Gardeners Association.

#### Heritage Forums

July 11, 18, 25, 3 p.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. Join local historians for programs on state and local history. Register online. Free with paid gate admission.

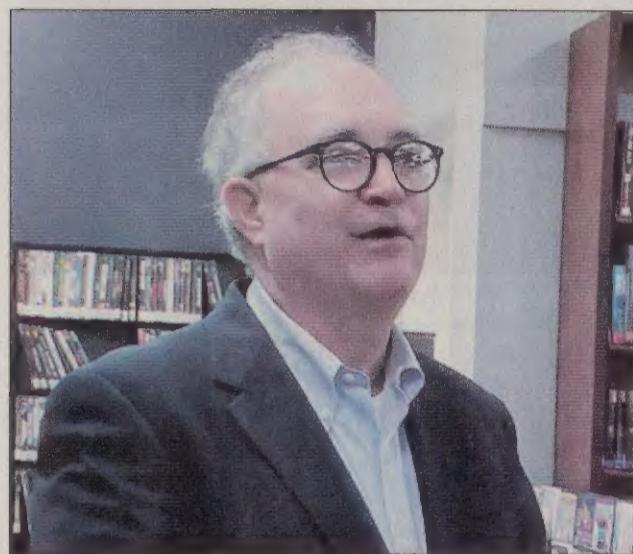
#### July 11: Dowsing and Folk Arts

#### July 18: Women's Suffrage in the Wiregrass

#### July 25: Museum Magic

#### Education Festival

August 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Teachers, youth group leaders and families are invited to a showcase of the educational opportunities that are available at Landmark Park. Activities will include Planetarium shows, live animal programs, dulcimer lessons, and more. Free with paid gate admission.



Jack Brunson is shown speaking during the reception held last Saturday at the Elba Public Library recognizing the generous donations made to the library and city cemetery from the Catherine Brunson Luening Estate. Brunson said while Elba is very thankful for its very nice public library facility, that the \$400,000-plus donation to the facility would be huge for the library.



### CLEAN

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of again."

The mayor provided council members with a copy of the city's trash ordinance, and he asked them each to review that for further discussion in the near future.

"If we were to try and enforce everything on these documents, we couldn't do it," Maddox said. "We don't have the manpower nor do we have enough punishment for everyone who fails to do what they are supposed to do [according to the ordinance]."

The mayor suggested the council review and discuss this at length and then try and focus on some things they feel can be done to keep the trash within the city better controlled.

"The recycling center is a mess down there," Maddox said. "We may have to have a council meeting around that just to get it cleaned up."

The city clerk said she and the mayor had spoken with a branch of ADEM that deals with recycling, and they are awaiting some helpful direction from ADEM on what can be done to help with the recycling process and issues with keeping it clean.

Maddox also noted the city had placed a dumpster next to the recycling building for residents to bring trash they did not wish to have sitting out by the road for a long amount of time awaiting the trash truck pickup. He said every time he drives by it is either full or overflowing, so, residents are utilizing it.

Bane said the city had been in contact with a company that had agreed to bring a larger dumpster for this need once it had one available.

"People are using it," Maddox said. "We just need a bigger one."

Council member Wise said his biggest issue with the recycling operation currently is that it needs to be kept cleaned up around the facility better by the ones operating it.

The city leaders vowed to continue to search for ideas to keep Elba clean.

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